

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

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**GONE TO TEXAS.** Letters from Our Boys. Edited by THOMAS HUGHES. 12mo. pp. 228. Macmillan & Co.

We have to thank the author of "Tom Brown" for presenting in these letters, written by his nephews another very attractive picture of vigorous and resolute youth—all this was not Mr. Hughes's especial object in publishing them. He declares that every year it becomes more clear that the opening in England for young men of the upper and middle classes are quite insufficient; and that it would be well if the Nation would take the matter in hand and would treat colonization scientifically with a view to making the most of its splendid material. His three nephews, "Willy," "Chico" and "the Doctor," have not waited for the efforts of the Nation but have settled the question themselves, as partners on a Texas sheep ranch, which they are conducting with but little assistance of any kind. When Mr. Hughes's brother, several years ago, encountered financial reverses, his three boys were at noted schools and distinguishing themselves in study, the youngest gaining a scholarship at Westminster. The eldest left school and found employment in which he was eminently successful, having several promotions and a rapidly growing salary. He spent not a penny more than he could help, and at the end of his eighteen months' service he had saved about \$650. Then he announced to his father the purpose he had quietly formed of going out to the West to seek his fortune. "Willy" was only eighteen; but he had a shrewdness of character that would have done honor to a much older emigrant. He came, saw and conquered all manner of material obstacles. He entered the service of a sheep-raiser and in six months had learned enough to justify him in going into the business himself. Within a year he had a farm of his own, a one-room shanty with a lean-to live in and gear enough to keep up his courage. Then the Westminister scholar, finding that hard study began to tell upon his sight, joined his elder brother in America; and two years later the third, who was working in London as a promising pupil of the artist Watts, resolved to give up aesthetics for herding. And at the end of their three years' work together the brothers have a good farm, much of which is cleared and planted, and a fine flock which they are caring for after the most approved methods. Their uncle notes that while they are condemned to rough work for some years yet, they have no notion of giving up their old tastes and pursuits. They have their books about them; and "Willy" clings to his fiddle, while "Chico" is not forgetting how to draw, and "the Doctor" keeps his relish for his natural science and his photography. "They believe," says Tom Hughes, "that whatever is really essential to the life of a cultivated gentleman may be had in due time on a Texas farm, and is quite consistent with hard labor and rough fare."

In the hard labor and the rough fare the writers of these letters seem to have grieved. To tell others all day in all sorts of weather, to sleep in a hut so full of leaks that the floor of earth became a sea of mud, to cook, to wash and mend, to live amid dirt and creeping things, has been the lot which these hardy young Englishmen have met with gay courage and indomitable will. So ardent indeed has been that courage and so strong that will that one cannot but believe that they would have commanded success in any country, and in any profession. There have been failures of crops, of course, and loss of valuable sheep, but most of their worries these many fellows have kept to themselves, filling their letters, when they found time to write them, with the more encouraging and amusing details of their working lives. A letter written by their sister Madge, who visited them three years after "Willy's" establishment in Texas, gives a suggestive picture of their surroundings:

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THE EVOLUTION OF A LIFE,

DESCRIBED IN THE

MEMOIRS OF MAJOR SEY ELYLAND.

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